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1. INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT COVERNAMES: GURON, IRI, ERNEST
2. ASSIGNMENT OF COVERNAMES FOR PLACES NEAR NUCLEAR RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENTS (1945)

From: MOSCOW

To : NEW YORK

No : 164

20 February 1945

To ANTON [i]

1. Your number 97[ii]. Leave the covername "GURON" [iii] unchanged; IRI [iv] amend to "ERNEST" [v].

2. Report on the carrying out of the instructions (our number 4748 [vi] of 12 October) on [1 group unrecovered] KhU [vii][1 group unrecovered] [B's office and]

[17 groups unrecovered]

[B's Also telegraph] receipt of our letters

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[75 groups unrecoverable]

- "GIDROSTROJ" [viii], [3 groups unrecovered] - "OKUROV" [ix], ALBUQUERQUE [x] - "SERNOVODSK" [xi], KNOXVILLE [xii] - "NOVOGORSK" [xiii].

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- Footnotes:
- [ i] ANTON : Leonid Romanovich KVASNIKOV, Soviet engineer employed by AMTORG from March 1943 until October 1945.
  - [ ii] Not available.
  - [ iii] GURON : i.e. HURON; unidentified; NEW YORK's No. 1043 of 5 October 1944 [redacted] proposed changing this covername to ERNEST; also occurs in NEW YORK's No. 912 of 27 June 1944 [redacted] and 1429 of 9 October 1944 [redacted].
  - [ iv] IRI : Presumably ERIE; unidentified. New York's No. 1403 also proposed to change IRI to ZhORZh (i.e. GEORGE(S)). Also occurs in NEW YORK's No. 912 of 27 June 1944 [redacted].
  - [ v] ERNEST : i.e. ERNEST; unidentified; see footnote [iii].
  - [ vi] Number 4748 is also referred to in NEW YORK's No. 1492 of 20 October 1944 [redacted] and apparently ordered the assignment of an independent office to "Khlf" (see note [vii]).
  - [ vii] KhU : Expansion not certain, but possibly KhoZYaJSTVENNOE UPRAVLENIE - i.e. ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE; described as a "line of work" it probably embraces scientific and technical intelligence including nuclear intelligence.
  - [viii] GIDROSTROJ : First and sole occurrence.
  - [ ix] OKUROV : First and sole occurrence.
  - [ x] ALBUQUERQUE: ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO; Near LOS ALAMOS, N.M.
  - [ xi] SEINOVOODSK : First and sole occurrence.
  - [ xii] KNOXVILLE : KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE; Near OAK RIDGE, Tenn.
  - [xiii] NOVOGORSK : First and sole occurrence.
  - [ xiv] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. Pavel Mikhajlovich FITIN.